

## Spring 2020 Newsletter from the Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance



**2020 Household Hazardous Waste Events:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 9, 2020**, from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm** at the **Mt. Anthony Union Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington**. Bring any substance with labels that say CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT. The collection event is free for residents and proof of residency will be required. Small businesses must pre-register and pre-pay for the amount delivered by April 24, 2020. Full details of the event and list of acceptable/not acceptable materials are at

<http://www.bcswavt.org/event/hazardous-waste-collection-event-in-bennington/>.

For more information or to pre-register your business, contact Michael Batcher at [mbatcher@bcrcvt.org](mailto:mbatcher@bcrcvt.org) or (802) 442-0713 x 2. We will hold a fall event at the **Dorset School** on **September 12, 2020**.

**Paint, batteries bulbs and electronic waste: Don't want to wait for the HHW event?** Vermont has several programs for the collection of items banned from landfills. These include **architectural paints, alkaline and rechargeable batteries and cell phones, mercury bulbs and electronics**. With both Earth Day Celebrations and Green Up Day coming up, this is a great time to dispose of these materials. Retailers, transfer stations, and other locations serve as drop off sites for disposal of these hazardous waste items. Visit our [website](#) and click on the "Programs and Projects" tab to find where you can dispose of these and other materials for free.



**Effective July 1, 2020, all food scraps are banned from the landfill in Vermont.**

Residents will need to compost their food scraps, take them to their transfer station, feed to livestock, or have them hauled away. Food can also be donated to local food banks.

**To prepare for the food scrap ban July 1<sup>st</sup>, we will host compost bin sales at three locations!**

May 6, 2020 - Bennington Highway Garage on Orchard St. in Bennington, 4 PM – 6 PM.

May 7, 2020 - Shaftsbury Town Hall Garage on Buck Hill Rd. in Shaftsbury, 4 PM – 6 PM.

May 8, 2020 - Dorset Town Highway Garage on Village St. in Dorset, 4 PM - 6 PM.

**Advance payment is required. The deadline to place an order is March 14, 2020.**

Visit our [website](#) for full list of sale items and prices.

**Effective July 1, 2020, state law (Act 69 of 2019) prohibits stores and food service establishments from providing single-use plastic carryout bags, expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam) food and beverage containers, and plastic stirrers. Plastic straws may be provided to customers upon request. There are exceptions to this law. Visit- <https://bit.ly/32INNXL> for a full summary and FAQs.**

**Next BCSWA Board Meeting:** The next BCSWA board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Arlington Town Hall 3828 Vermont Route 7A, Arlington, VT 05250. An agenda will be at [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

**Need More Information?** Visit [www.bcswavt.org](http://www.bcswavt.org) for information on recycling, composting, disposing prescription drugs, and services offered by waste haulers. Contact Paula Kamperman at (518) 788-2553 or [paulakamperman@gmail.com](mailto:paulakamperman@gmail.com) for more information including our outreach programs.